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FOR THOMPSON FROM KIRKPATRICK

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:EAID, DM, US

SUBJECT: COTONOU BRIDGE DAM - LETTER OF CREDIT

REF: COTONOU 2013, 2037 AND 0006

1. CONTINENTAL BANK OF CHICAGO STATES THAT THEY RECEIVED
CABLE FROM GPRB ON JANUARY 3 INDICATING DATE OF TRANS-
MISSION WAS DECEMBER 29. THERE WAS NO TEST NUMBER ON THE
CABLE BUT THE BANK TOLD US THAT THEY WOULD ISSUE THE L/C
BECAUSE AFTER CALLING NINE U.S. BANKS NONE HAD AN UP-TO-
DATE MEANS OF CONFIRMING CABLE TEST NUMBER FROM BENIN.
BANK ALSO JUDGED THAT RESPONSE RECEIVED COULD HAVE BEEN
BASED ONLY ON KNOWLEDGE OF CABLE IT HAD SENT TO GPRB.
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BANK ISSUE OF L/C NOT REPEAT NOT BASED ON DEPARTMENT OR
AID ASSURANCES THAT CABLE RECEIVED WAS AUTHENTIC SINCE WE
DID NOT BELIEVE WE WERE IN A POSITION TO GIVE SUCH ASSUR-
ANCES.

2. CONTINENTAL BANK STATES THAT TODAY THEY SENT A CABLE TO
THE GPRB MINISTER OF EQUIPMENT SAYING THAT THE L/C HAD

BEEN ISSUED AND REQUESTING THAT HE SEND A LETTER TO CONFIRM HIS PREVIOUS CABLE SINCE BANK HAS HIS SIGNATURE ON FILE. NELLO TEER STATES THAT THEY ARE PREPARED TO GO AHEAD WITH PURCHASES AND WILL DIRECTLY CONTACT THEIR OFFICE IN COTONOU.
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